City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

March 9, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Regrets: Councillor Parnell

Staff: Rob Dunford, Manager, Transportation Planning
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the City Council minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2026 be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Riel

That the rules be suspended to permit a member of the public speak.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Beamer

Carried (9 to 1)

Dave Dame, Runners Life, 174 Charlotte St

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That items Litigation Instructions - Report LSOCS26-010, Potential Land Acquisition - Report LSOCS26-004, Land Matter - Report LSRS26-004, Land Matter, PUC Financial Statements - Report FCSFS26-002, and 2026 Community Project and Investment Grants and funding for EC3 in 2027 - Report CSD26-001, be approved on consent.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Litigation Instructions, Report LSOCS26-010

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-010, dated March 2, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-010 dated March 2, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Litigation Instructions – Old HRTO Matter.

Potential Land Acquisition, Report LSOCS26-004

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-004, dated March 2, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That closed session Report LSOCS26-004 be received for information.

Land Matter, Report LSRS26-004

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-004, dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-004 dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Land Matter

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-005, dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed expropriation of lands for road widening, Council proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-005 dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

PUC Financial Statements, Report FCSFS26-002

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS26-002, dated March 2, 2026 of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That Council receive the verbal presentation from the auditors, Baker Tilly KDN LLP about the Peterborough Utility Commission financial statements, and

b) That Council receive the post audit letters attached to this report in Appendices C and D, and

c) That Council approve the financial statements of the Peterborough Utilities Commission for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and

d) That Council approve the financial statements of the Peterborough Utilities Commission for the period January 1 to March 31, 2025.

2026 Community Project and Investment Grants and funding for EC3 in 2027, Report CSD26-001

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-001, dated March 2, 2026 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the recommendations of the Community Project Grant Committee in the total amount of $20,965 be allocated to various community groups as described in Appendix A;

b) That the recommendations of the Community Investment Grant Committee in the total amount of $204,070 be allocated to various local charitable and Not-For-Profit organizations (NFPs) as described in Appendix B;

c) That the term of the Community Investment Grants Advisory Committee consisting of Joleen Edmondson, Dustin Harford, Jessica Kuhlmorgen-Hille, Jean-Luc Plante, Pauline Sandys and Thomas Vaccaro be extended to April 30th, 2027;

d) That changes to the Community Grants Program be deferred to 2027 to allow for guidance from the Municipal Cultural Plan which is scheduled to be completed in November 2026, and

e) That an extension to the current funding agreement be granted to the Electric City Culture Council (EC3) for 2027 to also allow for guidance from the Municipal Cultural Plan on the role of an arts council in Peterborough.

Annual Drinking Water Summary Report, Report MOWAT26-002

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT26-002, dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That the 2025 Drinking Water Summary Report for Municipalities be received for information.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

On-Street Parking Permit Pilot Studies and By-law Amendment, Report IPGACP26-010

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That Pilot Area #2 (Parklands Subdivision off Milroy) be excluded from the On-street Parking Permit Pilot Study.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the following:

a) That Report IPGACP26-010 on the matter of the On-Street Parking Pilot Studies be received for information;

b) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 09-136 (Parking By-law), as provided in Appendix B to this report;

c) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 25-128 (User Fees), as provided in Appendix C to this report;

d) That the results of the pilot project return to Council for consideration; and,

e) That Pilot Area #2 (Parklands Subdivision off Milroy) be excluded from the On-street Parking Permit Pilot Study.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (9 to 1)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That the following by-laws:

26-026 Being a By-law to Appoint Building Officials and Inspectors for the City of Peterborough and to repeal By-law 18-099

26-027 Being a By-law to Amend By-law 09-136 a By-law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough

26-028 Being a By-law to Amend By-law 25-128, a By-law to establish User Fees in the City of Peterborough

26-029 Being a by-law to approve the Initiation of Expropriation Proceedings of portions of 2 properties on Lansdowne Street West

26-030 Being a By-law to approve the expropriations of parts of and interests in certain lands for the Lansdowne Street Rehabilitation – Spillsbury Drive to Clonsilla Avenue Project and Lansdowne Street West and Lansdowne Street Rehabilitation - Park Street to Otonabee River Project

be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Lachica

City staff work to accommodate the St. Patrick's 5k Run/Walk Mar. 15th and grant a permit.

Withdrawn

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Lachica

That Council hereby authorizes a temporary road closure permit to be issued to Dave Dame of Runners Life for the purpose of a 5K run and walk event on March 15, 2026, on George Street between Lansdowne Street and McDonnel Street to be held immediately prior to the start of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

For (9): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Baldwin

Carried (9 to 1)

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That By-law 26-031 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on March 9, 2026 be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Jeff Leal

Mayor